

THE
HISTORY
OF THE
Late Proceedings
OF THE
STUDENTS
OF THE
C O L L E D G E ;
AT
EDENBOROUGH.

VVhich hath occasioned the Kings Proclamation for Banishing them Fifteen miles from the said City. In three several Letters to a worthy Citizen of London.

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THE
FIRST LETTER.

THE manner of it was thus, They had taken up a resolution to Celebrate this Pageant a week or a fortnight before to which all generally consented. In Order whereunto they employed a Carver who erected them a Waſtren Holyness or a Pope in Effigie with Cloaths, Tripple Crown, Keys and other necessary habilitments, for which there was a general Collection amongst the Students. All things being in readiness on Thursday night, they acquainted some others with it, by which the rumor came to the Provosts Ears, who was so enraged that he sent for the Primier and Regents, Commanding them to order the Students to desist from their enterprize with menaces, that if they would not he would make it a bloody Chriftmas to some of them.

After which he went down to the Abby to acquaint the Duke and Chancellor with it. The former was much moved, and the latter swore a great Oath that if they undertook it he would order six hundred of Lithgows Regiment to be brought within the Town. (Which is an infringement of the Legal Priviledges of the City) To Cut down all Students where ever they saw above four or five assembled together. Order also was given that the Guards should be doubled.

But the Students, not being at all dismayed, went on with an intire resolution to accomplish the project in pursuance of which they would live or die together. Being encouraged by Merchants and Tradesmen, who by this time were acquainted with their purpose, and came and offered their affiance, yea most of the Town, excepting the Magistrates, resolved if Lithgows men were brought in they

*they would Lay out the Blew Blanket Flag, seldom laid out
and taken in without Blood-shed.*

The day being come, they all as well Students as Apprentices with others convened in the Morning, and at nine a Clock (the Soldiers not being as yet brought in), the Lads took their opportunity and carried the Pageant to the High-street, (the Duke being then in the Council-house) and immediatly set fire to it, shouting no Pope, no Pope. Every old Wife thought her self happy that could get a stroke at it, and made as great a noise as any, Curseing the Pope and blessing the Students, but they were not well separated till General Dalziel with Lithgows men came rageing through the streets like Lions, but they being but one Company, they were not regarded.

SIR,

Your Servant.

*Christmas Day,
1680,*

~~the 13th of January 1680.~~

From another Friend at Edenbrough, giving an Account of the same.

Edenb. Decemb. 25. 1680.

S J R, and I wish you to receive my thanks for your kind

THIS NIGHT I intend you only the Diversion of our Christmas; some days since the Boyes of the College took a conceipt to Burn the Pope, and Anti-christ, on this day, as most proper for it.

They ordered the Pope and his Formalities, to be prepared in good Fashion, with his Mitre, Crosier, Pastoral Staff, and Robes; but the thing taking Air, is brought to my Lord Chancellor's Ears, who judging rightly how necessary it was at this Time, to prevent the beginnings of such Infidelities, sent for the Magistrates, and enjoyned them very strictly, to be careful to hinder it; The Magistrates called the Principal, and Regents; and after severe Intimations to the Boyes, the Principal causes a Bond to be tendred to them, whereby, considering of what dangerous consequence it might be to Burn the Pope in Effigie, they were to bind neither to do it this day, nor hereafter; Some Bearnes took it, but the rest of the Classis insolently refused it; and so the thing coming to be more apprehended, I am told, that some

of the Council met Yesterday for the Preventing of it, and the Principal Officers of the Forces were in Arms most part of the Night, that they brought the Companies from Leith, and gathered all the Forces about, to the Cannogate, without beating of Drums, that our Magistrates were up all Night; the Provost in the Court of Guard, and the Bailiffs at the Ports, and this Morning early the Gray-Coats, the Town-Guards, went to the Colledge, and some other Housles, conducted by the Town-Mayor, and seized several Scholars judged to be most active, in their Beds, and committed them to the Cannogate Tolbooth, where they still lie; two or three of them are English Boyes, but they say innocently suspected; one of them is said to be one Gray, Son to Sir Phil. Gray. A little after Day the Magistrates sent the Town-Guards again to the Colledge, to prevent any Rendezvous there, but the Boyes in the mean time met in a place called the High-School-Yard; and having ordered the Pope, and taken the best Opportunity, they bring the Pope up Black-Fryers--- to the High Street, just about the Time that a Bailiff ordered by the Magistrates was come that length discharging tumultuous Meetings, and commanding our Train-Bands to be in Arms; but the Boyes took the Paper from the Officer, and having read a short Accusation against His Holiness, they set Fire to him with Links, having ordered a Train within him. About the same Time General Dalziel getting the Alarm, for which he was in readiness, sends in a Squadron of His Majesties Horse-Guard, conducted by the Lord L--- with Kettle-Drums, the Kings Standard, and Swords drawn, by the Cowgate Port, who rid in great haste to the Grass-Market; and the General himself, with other Companies, follow them with no less haste the same way; the Companies being followed with three Men carrying Ball, Match and Powder; and by the Nether-Bow-Port enters the E. of Marr, about the same Time with two Companies drawn up in one; and before he came the length, the E.

of Linlithgow passing by where the Pope was first fired, draws his Sword, and drives off the Boyes, though they were rude enough; and coming to the Burning Pope, he turned him over, and caused his Men to draw him under the weynd head; but they fearing Powder in the Pope's Belly, left him; and the Lads beat the Pope with Sticks until the Powder took fire, and blew off his head, and then they took the Head and Chair, and haled him through all the Streets to the Weigh-house: The E. of Marr marching fast after them with his two Companies; but the Chair being then broke, the Boyes scattered, only they tossed the Head a while, and the E. of Marr returned as he went up, and the General came from the Grafts-Market down the High-Street, and the King's Guard in the same posture as they came in. We have also had good Guards to day, to suppress the remains of the disorder, our Train-Bands came not together, yet I must assure you, that in all this busi-ness there were none but Boyes only. You may see how careful we are to prevent the Extravagancies that abound with you, for otherwise all the world knows what Pro-testants we are: You need not doubt but this Shev would gather concourse enough, and the People cryed, No Pope, No Pope, and made sport enough of the whole. This Account I hope will help you to pass your Christmas the more merrily. I am Sir Your Humble Servant.

F I N I S.

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THIRD LETTER.

S I R,

I Hope you have received my last of the 25th. of the last Month, in which I gave you an account of the conceipt the Boys of the Colledge took to burn *the Pope*, the *Antichrist*, on *Christmas day* last. I gave you also an account of the endeavours used by the *Lord Chancellor* the *Principal* and *Regents*, and other of the *Magistrates*, for the preventing of it, and of the ill effect of those endeavours, the *Bearns* notwithstanding carrying on their enterprize in despight of the opposition they met with from the *E. of Marr. General Daliel* and other *Souldiers*.

Since when our *Provosts house* hath been burnt, whither occasion'd by malicious men, or done accidentally I know not, tho' it be said that he was threatned with the burning of his house at *Priestfield*, and with other injuries, it hath also been made out that *fire-balls* were thrown into it, and that a *Barrel of Powder* was found in that part of the house that was unburnt;

And yesterday was published here a *Proclamation*, That whereas the *Lords of the Council* were informed that several disloyal and malicious Persons, frequenting *Edenborough*, had instigated the *Students of the Colledge* to enter into *Bonds* and *Combinations*, and to *convocate* in *Tumults*, there was order taken for the Securing of our Peace, and it being made appear that the *Students* did enter into *Bonds* and *Combinations*, in which they did oblige themselves, among other things, contrary

trary to the Laws of this Kingdom, to adhere to one another, if they were called in question for it, and in confidence of that *Seditious Combination* did on the 25. of December last, in a Tumultuary way, assault and affront several persons, and did associate themselves with *Apprentices*, and put up *blew Ribbons* as signs and cognizances to differ themselves from others, and for convocating themselves; for which being justly reproved, they did some dayes after run up and down the Streets in Tumults, disquieting the Nobility and Gentry of both Sexes, and threatening the *Provost* as above, &c. Whereupon the *Lords of the Council* by an *Act* ordered the Gates of the Schools of that *Colledge* to be shut up, till they should be fully informed of the Root and Progress of these disorders, and satisfied by the punishment and submission of the *Offenders*. Therefore to prevent any further Seditious Tumults, and disorders from these *Students*, they are all commanded to retire 15 miles at least from this *City*, within twenty four hours after publication of this Proclamation, and not to come within our limits without leave of the Privy Council, under the pain of being punished as *Seditious Persons*, and Contemners of the Kings Authority, and their Parents, *Tutors*, and all others are forbid to resell or entertain them without giving caution to the *Clerks of the Council* for their good behaviour.

What our thoughts hereof are I leave you to judge. The Duke is still with us, but there is a talk of his removing higher up into the Country towards *Glasgow*. At your leisure I shall be glad to be informed what your thoughts in *England* are of these proceedings: As any thing else of moment occurs you may expect an account of it from me.

Sir, Your most devoted Servant,
Edinburgh, Jan. 22. 1680.

L. L.